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MARGINAL COLUMN

By ARTHUR SAIL SEVEN

THE fun and tension being worked up by the Nurei Kartia over the proposal to build a swimming pool in Jerusalem is a permitted bathing will be permitted is only one of several recent manifestations that the Nurei Kartia is a country in a state of tension. It is a tension that is not only a result of the fact that the orthodox parties who apparently recognize Israel have joined in agitation. They have done so for the purpose of one thing: to make it difficult to ascribe to a pure and undistorted view of the situation. Agudat Israel and the religious parties which are now joining in the agitation against the pool have certain ulterior motives behind their move. They are afraid they will lose out in the battle for orthodox support (which seems to vary often in proportion to the amount of agitation) if they should lose to the secularists. But it is the organized orthodox groups and not the secularists who are determined now to bring matters to a head.

BESIDES the latest affair we have recently witnessed the action of Chief Rabbi Nissim against the Hadera Paper Mills. It must be assumed that this was the first shot in a campaign to attempt to enter the economic field in the exercise of pressure in connection with enforcing rules of Sabbath observance by the imposition of threat of imposition of boycott according to the Law of the Shulchan Arukh, the Rabbinic code, by entering the particulars of such union and of children born of them on identity cards. In addition to their present agitation to put a brake on the action of the Minister of the Interior in this connection, the Rabbinic authorities are now considering what steps to take. One can look forward to a tightening up of enforcement procedures, and one can marry in Israel only through the orthodox Rabbinate. Hitherto the evidence of the identity card was not accepted and even with that the procedure of having to bring witnesses and other proof of marital eligibility from the Rabbinate was cumbersome and awkward enough. Couples wanting to marry are now likely to be subjected to a thorough "security" check which would involve investigation into their parents' marital status.

AND it is not only the so-called "religious" who are being harassed. Those who want to pray in a way not recognized by Rabbinic law are also subject only to pin-pricks at the moment. They may later find themselves under even greater disabilities. There was a good deal of trouble when Dr. Nelson Glueck wanted permission to establish his Museum of the Bible in Jerusalem. A leader of the National Religious Party like Mr. Yitzhak Rabinovitch, M.K., argues that there is no real need for reform in Israel and claims that the call for it is entirely an agitation fostered from outside. So he asks for a thousand signatures from would-be reformers to prove their demand is Israeli in origin and made in good faith. Since when has more than a mere petition been required to make a change or a quorum for prayer? Someone said recently that the paradoxical situation has grown up in Israel where you can stand in Dizengoff Square and shout "There is no God!" and nothing will happen, but only attempt to pray in an unorthodox manner, and a storm of rage, if not of brickbats, will immediately descend upon you.

TEACHERS of ethics have always liked to pretend that the oppressed learn to hate that oppression and, when given the opportunity, prove its doubly oppressive. We, in Israel, are in danger of giving the lie to that accepted moral concept. In fact, the narrow intolerance being shown is cutting at the roots of the reconstruction of the character and nature of the Jewish people under statehood which is the essence of Zionism. The teaching of this paradoxical situation is rapidly being created whereby those who have the moral values of Judaism at heart are being forced into the position of having to fight official, orthodox Judaism, especially in its political manifestations, in order to save the essence of Jewish spiritual teaching from being perverted and destroyed.

Optimistic On Good Offices, Murphy Says

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — The U.S. "good offices" envoy, Mr. Robert Murphy, conferred with the French Prime Minister, M. Felix Gaillard, for two and a half hours today on his mission to seek a Franco-Tunisian reconciliation. He arrived in Paris from Tunisia early this morning.

Mr. Murphy said he was "optimistic" and added that he was flying to London today to meet the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Clegg, and would return to Paris early tomorrow.

He said he did not know how long his mission would last and it was "possible" he might take another trip to Tunisia.

Earlier in the day Mr. Murphy had met with the American Ambassador, Mr. Arthur Houghton, and with the British Ambassador, Sir Gladwyn Jebb.

Morocco Holding Up French Army Supplies

RABAT, Monday (Reuter). — Two trains of military supplies destined for French troops in Morocco have been held up in Port Lyautey since Friday by order of the Moroccan authorities. French sources reported tonight.

The move follows Moroccan claims of activity by "foreign troops" in the desert areas of Morocco's ill-defined southern border. No official explanation has been given for holding up the military supplies.

French sources have reported that the Moroccan Government has recently reported skirmishes between French troops and small irregular bands in Mauritania, which borders on southern Morocco.

Pope Protests Court's Action Against Bishop

VATICAN CITY, Monday (Reuter). — Pope Pius XII censured the official celebration of the 19th coronation anniversary on March 12 in protest against a bishop having been found guilty of defamation by an Italian court.

Vatican experts on church law hinted at the possibility of excommunicating the authorities concerned.

The Italian newspaper "Osservatore Romano" today called the conviction of Magr. Pietro Fiordelli, Bishop of Porto, an outrage against the Church. The bishop had denounced a couple in a pastoral letter as "public sinners living in concubinage" because they refused to undergo a civil ceremony in favor of a civil ceremony. He was given a suspended fine of 40,000 lire.

Knesset Passes Second Reading Of Estimated Budget Receipts

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset last night passed the second reading of the sections in the 1958-59 draft budget dealing with estimated receipts and expenditures.

Over 80 opposition amendments were turned down.

The Progressive Party members abstained in the vote on the travel tax paragraph. It was passed by 38 coalition members and 12 of the opposition and three abstentions.

Dr. Y. Bader (Herut) protested against the high levies on fuel. He stated that while the tax on a ticket from Tel Aviv to Paris and back had increased the price of fuel following the Sinai campaign, unlike other countries it had not reduced the price of fuel. Regarding the additional government allocation to the Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency, he declared that the State should have direct supervision over the funds which it allocated.

Mr. Z. Susser (General Zionists) said the proposed travel tax would have an adverse effect on the public, who must have a feeling of freedom. This levy was also opposed by Mr. G. Schocken (Progressives), who declared that freedom of movement was one of the basic rights of a citizen in a democratic country.

The tax was both unjust on principle and impractical since it could be evaded by the first reading last night by the Finance Minister, Mr. L. Eshkol.

The Income Tax Law (Additional Depreciation on Business Assets) is intended to "encourage productive elements," Mr. Eshkol declared. The bill stipulated that depreciation will be allowed on the basis of current valuations and not of cost prices, as is the present practice.

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Like Sees US R Envoy On Summit Parley

President Eisenhower conferred in Washington yesterday with the new Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Mikhail Menshikov, presumably on the holding of a Foreign Ministers conference preparatory to a meeting of heads of government.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was present at the meeting, which was arranged more than a week ago at the Ambassador's request — before the latest Soviet note was handed over last Friday on preparations for a summit meeting.

It was presumed that the President and Mr. Dulles were seeking a further explanation from the envoy of the Soviet Union's willingness to hold a Foreign Ministers parley prior to a summit conference. The meeting lasted half an hour.

In Moscow, TASS released the text of the Soviet Note to France sent on Friday, which was interpreted as a further explanation from the Soviet Union's willingness to hold a Foreign Ministers parley prior to a summit conference. The meeting lasted half an hour.

The letter said that in accepting the idea of a Foreign Ministers conference, the Soviet Government believed that a firm agreement on the date for summit talks should be reached before the Foreign Ministers meet. It proposed that the Foreign Ministers should meet in Geneva next April and the heads of government in June.

The Soviet proposals have not yet been made public. Western diplomats are now saying that a closer study of the Soviet proposals is being made.

Failure to Free Korean Travellers

PANMUNJON, Monday (Reuter). — The Korean Military Armistice Commission here today failed to agree on terms for the release of passengers and crew of a South Korean airliner which landed in North Korea on February 18. The pilots had been forced to cross over into North Korea by two North Korean soldiers who held them at gunpoint.

The North Korean authorities in a radio broadcast from Pyongyang on Saturday denied offers to return the two American pilots, two West German civilians, and those of the 30 South Koreans who were detained in North Korea.

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Smugglers of Forged Israel Notes Seized

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — Police here have arrested members of a gang suspected of smuggling forged Israeli notes into Israel from a neighboring Arab state.

The arrests followed discovery of the counterfeit notes in a Beirut truck enroute to Israel. The counterfeit notes were in the Negev a few days ago. The trucking down of the counterfeit currency climaxed a painstaking and lengthy police investigation.

Some of the forged banknotes had also turned up in the Workers Bank and Hashmish Hamercal branches here and in other places. Altogether, 14,000 forged notes have so far been found in Israel, police stated today.

HUSSEIN PARDONS 2

King Hussein of Jordan has pardoned two Ramallah citizens, Asif and Miri Khoury, who had been sentenced by a military court to one year in prison at hard labour.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The White House announced last night that the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Mikhail Menshikov, had been received by President Eisenhower.

FAMILY DOCTOR SYSTEM AGREED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Agreement on the institution of a family doctor system of family doctors in Kupat Holim's urban clinics, with members having a free choice of their physicians, was reached at today's meeting between Kupat Holim and its doctors.

The former head of the Trades Union here, who conducted negotiations between the two sides, is thought to have conveyed the U.N. Secretary-General's proposal to the U.N. Secretary-General, in bringing about the agreement. It is also believed that last night's speech by the U.N. Secretary-General, General Mr. P. Lavon, warning the Kupat Holim doctors against alienating public opinion by their strike threat, and announced opposition to the family doctor system, greatly aided in reaching a final agreement.

The system was agreed on in principle with outstanding points, including the problem of doctors' wages under the new system, to be settled within the next 10 days. It was also agreed to extend the family doctor system to the rural regions not organized in clinics.

Engineers to Call Warning Strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Engineers Union Central Committee at its meeting tonight decided to call a warning strike of the country's engineering workers on March 11. It will take the form of country-wide protest rallies.

The Union is protesting the breakdown of negotiations with the Histadrut leadership on salary and grading claims for salaried engineers.

The Central Committee also decided that if its claims were not met within the coming fortnight, it would call for a general engineers' strike throughout the country on March 24.

Eilat-East Africa Line Inaugurated

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ELIAT, Monday. — A ceremony marking the inauguration of the Eilat-East Africa shipping line, established by the Dutch shipowner, Henrik Willemse, was held here today on the deck of the Emma Forder.

A luncheon given in the Shalom Hotel was addressed by Mr. Willemse, Director of the Foreign Ministry, and Mr. Menachem Begin, Director General of the Ministry of Transport. The Minister of Transport was absent due to illness.

Mapam Invited to Yugoslav Congress

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mr. Alexander Rankovic, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party, has officially invited Mapam to attend its seventh convention to be held in Ljubljana at the end of April. It was announced here today.

Mr. Rankovic mentioned the ties that exist between Mapam and the Yugoslav Communist Party in his invitation to the conference, which will include reports on the party's political and organizational policies.

Six Trucks Injured As Youth Overturns

A brother and sister, Paulita and Raphael Adari, aged 14 and 16, of the Sakia ma'ara, were seriously injured, and four other youths slightly hurt, when the truck carrying 20 members of the Beit Dagon youth training farm overturned yesterday on the way to Yotvata.

The injured were taken to the Tel Hashomer hospital.

NATO Meets Today To Study Soviet Note

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — A NATO spokesman said tonight that the Permanent NATO Council would meet tomorrow to consider the latest Soviet note, sent to the U.S. on February 23.

The meeting is one of a series being held at present on the preparation of a possible summit conference with the Soviet Union. It is understood to have been called for tomorrow at the suggestion of the U.S. delegation.

The NATO Secretary-General, Mr. Paul-Henri Spaak, is due back from a visit to London in time to preside. The next regular meeting of the NATO had not normally been due until Thursday.

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Nuri Heads Iraqi Gov't As U.A.R. Ties Worsen

Syria Asks More Ministers Jordan Vows Counter Drive

Abdul Nasser has ordered the outgoing Syrian Cabinet to remain in office for the time being pending arrangements for the formation of an Executive Council for Syria within the framework of the United Arab Republic.

The report followed news of difficulties that the U.A.R. President was encountering in choosing the Syrian members for the united Cabinet and for the local Syrian Council.

It is understood that the Syrians are demanding greater representation in the cabinet than would be called for by the relative population of the U.A.R. The Syrian El Ba'ath and rightist parties were also contending for representation in the legislative and executive bodies.

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Saudia Starts Drive To Block Gulf

GENEVA, Monday (INA). — Saudi Arabia today opened a legal campaign to close the Gulf of Akaba to Israel shipping.

Ahmed Shukeiry, the Saudi Arabian delegate, today told the 26-nation conference on the Law of the Sea that the Gulf is a closed inland waterway and is exclusively under Arab jurisdiction.

Shukeiry said that the Arab nations came to the conference determined to "make a law for the dear possessions that we possess with full legitimacy."

He made the statements at the first working session of the Committee on Territorial Sea, and introduced the first political question to trouble the calm proceedings of the conference.

Israel is being backed by the U.S., Britain, and most of the other sea powers in its demand that the Gulf of Akaba be an international waterway which cannot be barred to shipping of any nation for any reason. (The international character of a strait or channel is determined by the fact that it connects different bodies of international waters and is not by the width of "territorial waters.") The entrance to the gulf has been under UNEF guard since early in 1967 to prevent any reimpediment of the Arab blockade, which Israel broke during the Sinai campaign.

French Aware Arms Plane for S. America

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israeli plane which made forced landing at Beni in northern Algeria on Thursday is still under guard despite earlier reports that it would be released by the French authorities.

In Jerusalem the Foreign Ministry spokesman declared last night that "the foreign authorities concerned have not the slightest doubt that the plane and its cargo of arms were destined for a Latin American country."

He declined any further comment.

Prime Minister Lauds Women of Israel

TEL AVIV, Monday. — "As long as we have mothers like Lyvia Gruber, daughters like Hanna Semeh, and sisters like Varda (the girl killed at Pithul) we have nothing to fear," the Prime Minister said at the opening ceremony of the Working Mothers' annual bazaar at the Mann Auditorium tonight.

The bazaar is being held at Beit Leisn and will be open to the public from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Aluf-Mishna, Shoshana Gershonowitz, Commander of the Women's Corps (Chem), said that Israel's mothers should put faith in their daughters' ability to stand the rigors of army life. The army, she added, was the best school for life.

Mayor Haim Levanon, Mr. E. Shechter, Secretary of the Local Labor Council, and Mrs. B. Idelson, M.K., heads of the Working Women's Councils, also spoke.

Moscow Oil Case Resuming on Friday

Hearings on the claim of two Israeli oil companies against the Soviet Oil Exporting Commission for breach of contract, in refusing to continue supplying Israel with oil following the Sinai Campaign, are to be resumed in Moscow on Friday.

The hearings had been postponed following the illness of one of the Soviet arbitrators.

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